

Minutes of September Meeting of the Northampton Branch BCS Committee

Meeting Held 8pm 6th September 2010, Skype conference call

Present

Malcolm Collins – Chair Person
Paul Squires – Treasurer
Gary Hill - ELO
Sarith Chandra – YPG Rep.
Rashmi Dravid – Female Membership Officer
Pat Twiselton – Membership Officer
Scott Turner – General Committee

Apologies

Barney Duffy – General Committee Member
Dave Ellard – Webmaster
Bob Ray – General; Committee Member
Paul Isaacs - Public Relations Officer
Barry Crook – email Coordinator

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes for the last meeting were accepted.

Matters Arising

There is a Branches Convention in London on 13th October 2010 and a Specialist Group on 28th October 2010. 2 members of the committee can attend and these are fully expensed. Anyone interested in going should put their name forward.

Actions Review

Action Ref	Action	Responsible	Complete
0209-06	Arrange Skills for the recovery event for Feb 2011	Sarith/Andy	In progress
0209-05	Arrange Digital Media Technology event for Apr '11 David N	David N	CANCELLED
0209-07	Arrange Health Data Network event for Jan '11 Dave E	Dave E	In progress
0310-01	Colossus event, Malcolm to confirm date with Graham at Bletchley	Malcolm Collins	Done
0310-02	Silver surfer's day. Suggestions invited, but not sure we can do anything	Malcolm Collins	Cancelled
0310-07	Budget submission	Paul	Done
0310-03	Student Prizes. Winners to be chosen, prizes arranged	Sue, Gary, Andy	Done
0310-08	New female membership officer. Rashmi Dravid to be proposed.	Sue / Gary	Done
0310-09	Member groups convention	Andy	Missed
0310-04	Branch AGM. Book venue & refreshments.	Malcolm/Gary/ Andy/Paul	In Progress

AGM

This is planned for 6th October to be held at Avenue Campus. It is imperative that all Proposed New Committee members attend, as all committee members are voted into post during the AGM process.

Treasurers report

Financial year 2009/10 is now closed.

Total spend is expected to be in the region of £1600 out of an allowance of £2072. 2011 budget has been submitted to HQ as £1650 for normal operating costs and £202 for student prizes/memberships.

PR report

Andy and Paul to arrange PR for the AGM and Information Overload events once venue is confirmed by Gary Hill.

Membership report

Total branch membership 911. Male 761, Female 144, other 6.

This is slightly down on last quarter.

Robert Lincoln the Chairman of the Bedford branch is chasing for a discussion regards his request to split Milton Keynes between the Northampton and Bedford Branch. This is still to be discussed fully, it concerns the process at HQ where new members who do not chose a Primary Branch are automatically allocated to one based upon their post code. This does not affect current members.

Current Programme

Oct 2010	Branch AGM. Scheduled for 6th October Avenue Campus.
Nov 2010	Information Overload Ian Price, Grimsdyke Consulting. This is scheduled for 9 th November at Avenue Campus.
Dec 2010	3D Computing Event Scott Turner to organise at UCN Avenue campus.
Jan 2011	Health Data Network Details to follow, Dave Ellard to organise
Feb 2011	Skills for the Recovery Details to follow, Sarith Chandra to organise with help from Andy Page
April 2011	Digital Media Details to follow. David Niven to be contacted to see if this still possible. (Subsequent to Audio Con, Malcolm Confirmed this is a no go, company has gone into receivership)
May 2011	Colossus Event, Bletchley Park

Future Programme

Ideas for 2011/12

- Forensic IT.
- Silverstone & Mercedes racing IT.
- Speed networking for YPG in Oct.
- Parallel computing & computing.
- Quantum computing.

Any Other Business

No.

Date of Next Meeting

AGM – 6th October Avenue Campus

Actions

Carried Over

Action Ref	Action	Responsible	Target Completion
0209-06	Arrange Skills for the credit crunch / recovery event for Feb 2011	Sarith / Andy	By Feb 2011
0209-07	Arrange Health Data Network event for Jan 2011	Dave E	By Jan 2011
0310-06	Digital Media	David N	CANCELLED
0710-12	3D Computing event.	Scott T	Dec.
0710-13	Check on use of YPG list server group	Malcolm	Complete